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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- iii. ☐ Other _____
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RESPONSE B

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2002 and made final, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith, requesting reconsideration of the Application in light of the following amendments:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 16, 17, and 41 to read as follows:

1. (amended three times) A method for analyzing specified properties of a set of samples, the method comprising: